

## Morning Prayer

Thursday, September 18



### Opening Statement

*Leader*

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

### Confession of Sin

*Leader*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Everyone together, all kneeling:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Leader*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

### The Invitatory

*All stand.*

*Leader*

Lord, open our lips.

*Response*

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Everyone*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

### Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth:  
Come let us adore him.

### Venite

Come let us sing to the Lord;\*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,\*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,\*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
And will be forever. Amen.  
The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the Earth:  
Come let us adore him.

**Psalm 50** *Deus deorum*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the Earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.  
<sup>3</sup> Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.  
<sup>4</sup> He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.  
<sup>5</sup> Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice.  
<sup>6</sup> Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.  
<sup>7</sup> Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.  
<sup>8</sup> I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.  
<sup>9</sup> I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;  
<sup>10</sup> For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.  
<sup>11</sup> I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.  
<sup>12</sup> If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.  
<sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*

or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.

<sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

<sup>16</sup> But to the wicked God says: \*  
Why do you recite my statutes,  
and take my covenant upon your lips;

<sup>17</sup> Since you refuse discipline, \*  
and toss my words behind your back?

<sup>18</sup> When you see a thief, you make him your friend, \*  
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.

<sup>19</sup> You have loosed your lips for evil, \*  
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.

<sup>20</sup> You are always speaking evil of your brother \*  
and slandering your own mother's son.

<sup>21</sup> These things you have done, and I kept still, \*  
and you thought that I am like you.

<sup>22</sup> I have made my accusation; \*  
I have put my case in order before your eyes.

<sup>23</sup> Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

<sup>24</sup> Whoever offers me the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way  
will I show the salvation of God.

### **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen. *Amen.*

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 8:11-20*

<sup>11</sup>For the Lord spoke thus to me while his hand was strong upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: <sup>12</sup>Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what it fears, or be in dread. <sup>13</sup>But the Lord of hosts, him you shall regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. <sup>14</sup>He will become a sanctuary, a stone one strikes against; for both houses of Israel he will become a rock one stumbles over—a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup>And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.

<sup>16</sup>Bind up the testimony, seal the teaching among my disciples. <sup>17</sup>I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. <sup>18</sup>See, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. <sup>19</sup>Now if people say to you, "Consult the ghosts and the familiar spirits that chirp and mutter; should not a people consult their gods, the dead-on behalf of the living, <sup>20</sup>for teaching and for instruction?" Surely, those who speak like this will have no dawn!

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the reading.*

### **Canticle 8** The Song of Moses

*Cantemus Domino*

*Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

### **The New Testament Lesson**

*Reader*

*A reading from the letter to the Romans 10:1-15*

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>I can testify that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. <sup>3</sup>For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they have not submitted to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. <sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into

heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the reading.*

### **Canticle 19** The Song of the Redeemed

*Magna et mirabilia*

*Revelation 15:3-4*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Gospel**

*Reader*

*A reading from the the Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-10*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Silence may be kept after the reading.*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*All stand*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Suffrages**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*And grant us your salvation.*

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*Let your people sing with joy.*

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*For only in you can we live in safety.*

Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Let your way be known upon earth;  
*Your saving health among all nations.*

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

### **Collect of the Day**

*Leader*

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **For Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Collect of Commemoration**

Almighty God who exalted your humble Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords: Kindle within the hearts of the leaders of this world a yearning for peace with justice as you did within your servant Dag Hammarskjöld and, following his good example, ever guide our feet into the way of peace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **Trinity Cycle of Prayer**

*George Panesso*

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **Benediction**

*Leader*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Everyone*

Thanks be to God.

*Leader*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

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### **The Commemoration**

Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjöld (pronounced HAM-mar-shold) was born in 1905, the son of the Prime Minister of Sweden. He studied law and economics, and taught economics at the University of Stockholm. He became president of the board of the Bank of Sweden, then Minister of State, then head of the Swedish delegation to the United Nations, and then Secretary General of the United Nations. In 1960 the Belgian Congo (now Zaire) became independent, and civil war promptly broke out. Hammarskjöld went in to negotiate a cease-fire, and was killed in a plane crash in Zambia on 18 September 1961.

For years, he had kept a private journal, writing down his thoughts on the Lordship of Christ and its meaning for his life. After his death, the journal was published under the title *Markings*. Two extracts follow.

God does not die on the day when we cease to believe in a personal deity, but we die on the day when our lives cease to be illumined by the steady radiance, renewed daily, of a wonder, the source of which is beyond all reason.

He who has surrendered himself to it knows that the Way ends on The Cross--even when it is leading through the jubilation of Gennesaret or the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.